IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: § Group Art Unit: 1745

Richard Scott Bourgeois et al. §

§ Confirmation No: 3956

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§ Examiner: Echelmeyer, Alix Elizabeth

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE), AMENDMENT, AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AUGUST 06, 2007

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on August 06, 2007, and the Advisory Action mailed on December 4, 2007, the Applicants respectfully request continued examination and allowance of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fee of \$810.00 for this RCE, and \$460.00 for the two month Petition for Extension of time. This is a petition to extend the time for OA mailed August 6, 2007. Please charge these fees to the Assignee's Deposit Account No. 07-0868.